

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Tarpinian et al.  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 3, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 3, 2007, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.**